

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

5 The present invention provides a method and apparatus for controlling recursion at system startup. The method comprises creating one or more levels of device tree nodes branching from a root node, wherein the number of levels of device tree nodes is equal to a recursion depth. The apparatus comprises a storage unit adapted to store a recursion control process and a control unit adapted to execute the recursion control process, wherein the recursion control process causes the control unit to control recursion during system startup.